

1113 BROADWAY  
HIGHLAND, IL 62249

IT HAPPENED  
ON NOV. 15TH

- 1763—Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon began a really big survey job.
- 1806—Zebulon Pike spotted a big mountain
- 1956—Elvis Presley



made his big screen debut in Love Me Tender

- 1992—Richard Petty drove his last race

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## Autumn Leaves

The recent change in season has the colorful leaves raining down on us creating trouble for the city's storm sewer system.

**Sec. 62-1** of the Highland Municipal Code states that:



*It is unlawful for any person to deposit or abandon any injurious or obnoxious materials, waste or debris on the traveled way of any street or public way in the city.*

**Or - Sec. 30-32** Littering, cluttering public ways.



*The operation of equipment by contractors, excavators, builders or any individual, corporation or partnership resulting in the littering and cluttering of public streets, alleys, sidewalks and any city and public property with mud, debris, and other litter is declared to be a public nuisance and a nuisance in fact.*

This means that while it may seem easier to rake or blow all those leaves and grass clippings out into the street, a visit from the police department with an ordinance violation citation could be the end result.

Keeping the storm sewer outlets clear of debris is one of the duties of the Street & Alley Division. This can be like fighting a losing battle during the fall. Drainage issues account for a large number of work orders each year. You can help ease drainage concerns in your neighborhood by not placing leaves and grass clippings from your yard in the street.

The City's contract with trash haulers, Robert "Bob" Sanders, allows for unlimited landscape and yard debris pick up as long as it is properly packaged. For leaves and grass clippings this means they need to be containerized in a 30 gallon trash can marked with a **red X** or placed in the large paper yard waste bags. Leaves will not be picked up if they are placed in any sort of plastic bags, and plastic bags full of yard waste will be left sitting along the curb or alley.

Please help keep the storm drains flowing and the streets clean, properly dispose of your falling leaves.